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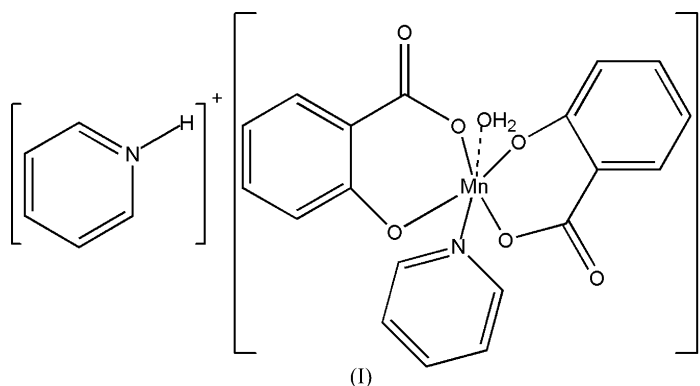
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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 295$ K
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$ Å
 R factor = 0.048
 wR factor = 0.122
Data-to-parameter ratio = 15.7For details of how these key indicators were
automatically derived from the article, see
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.Pyridinium aquapyridinebis(salicylato- $\kappa^2\text{O},\text{O}'$)-
manganese(III)The title compound, $(\text{C}_5\text{H}_6\text{N})[\text{Mn}(\text{C}_7\text{H}_4\text{O}_2)_2(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{N})(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$, is a mononuclear manganese complex in which the Mn atom is six-coordinated by two carboxylate O atoms and two hydroxy O atoms of two salicylates, one O atom of water and one N atom of pyridine.

Comment

 Mn^{III} complexes continue to receive attention owing to their pivotal role in such diverse study areas as manganese superoxide dismutase (MnSOD) (Hureau *et al.*, 2005), the oxygen-evolving center (OEC) of photosystem II (Johansson *et al.*, 2003) and numerous single-molecular magnets (Soler *et al.*, 2003). Thus, a complete analysis of the electronic properties of the Mn^{III} ions is necessary in order to understand the role of the metal in these areas. Moreover, salicylic acid, an excellent ligand, is commonly used in metal-organic chemistry, owing to its several possible coordination modes. To date, many mononuclear, dinuclear and multinuclear complexes have been synthesized (Pavacik *et al.*, 1986; Devereux *et al.*, 1995; Christmas *et al.*, 1988).Selected bond lengths and angles for (I) are given in Table 1. As shown in Fig. 1, compound (I) is a mononuclear manganese complex and the Mn atom is six-coordinated by two carboxylate O atoms and two hydroxy O atoms of two salicylates, one O atom of water and one N atom of pyridine. Its oxidation state was established to be trivalent by bond-valence sum (BVS) calculations (Liu & Thorp, 1993). The Mn^{3+} ion sits in an axially elongated octahedron due to Jahn-Teller (JT) distortion. The axial sites are occupied by the O atom of H_2O and N atom of pyridine, with the bond lengths [2.239 (2)–2.349 (2) Å] greater than the other Mn–O bond lengths [1.8712 (16)–1.9296 (16) Å].

Intermolecular hydrogen bonds (Table 2) link the molecules together, forming a one-dimensional chain (Fig. 2). These

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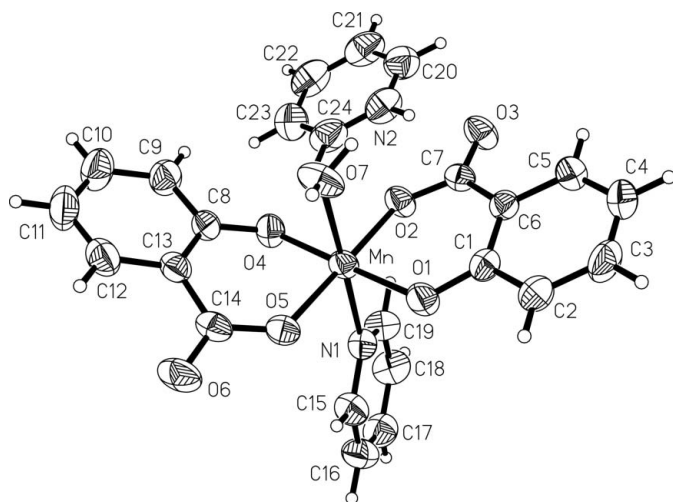


Figure 1
The molecular structure of (I), shown with 50% probability displacement ellipsoids.

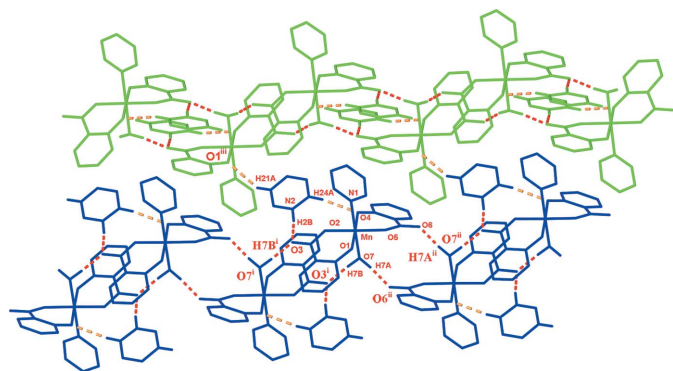


Figure 2
A perspective view of the sheet structure, showing the O—H...O, N—H...O and C—H...O hydrogen-bonding interactions (dashed lines). H atoms other than those involved in hydrogen bonding have been omitted.

chains are further connected through a C21—H21A...O1ⁱⁱⁱ hydrogen bond (Table 2), forming a two-dimensional sheet [symmetry code: (iii) $x + 1/2, -y + \frac{3}{2}, z - \frac{1}{2}$].

Experimental

All manipulations were performed under aerobic conditions using chemicals as received, unless otherwise stated. (¹⁸Bu₄N)[MnO₄] was prepared as previously reported (Sala *et al.*, 1978). Mn(OAc)₂·4H₂O (1.00g, 4.08 mmol) and salicylic acid (4.24g, 30.7 mmol) were dissolved in a mixed solvent comprising pyridine (1.5 ml) and absolute ethanol (20 ml). The resulting solution was stirred while solid (¹⁸Bu₄N)[MnO₄] (0.57g, 1.58 mmol) was added in small portions, giving a black homogeneous solution. This was allowed to stand undisturbed for 10 h, giving a gray precipitate, which was collected by filtration, washed with a mixture of EtOH and Et₂O, and dried in air, then dissolved in a mixture of H₂O (1.5 ml) and methanol (15 ml). After several days, dark-brown crystals suitable for X-ray crystallography were formed; they were collected by filtration, washed with Et₂O, and dried in air.

Crystal data

(C₅H₆N)[Mn(C₇H₄O₂)₂(C₅H₅N)·(H₂O)]
M_r = 504.37
 Monoclinic, *P*2₁/*n*
a = 12.0499 (9) Å
b = 11.3964 (7) Å
c = 16.4446 (11) Å

β = 104.579 (2)°
V = 2185.5 (3) Å³
Z = 4
 Mo *K*α radiation
 μ = 0.65 mm⁻¹
T = 295 (2) K
 0.3 × 0.2 × 0.1 mm

Data collection

Rigaku MERCURY CCD diffractometer
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)
*T*_{min} = 0.808, *T*_{max} = 1.000

16400 measured reflections
 5015 independent reflections
 3770 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*)
*R*_{int} = 0.040

Refinement

$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.048$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.122$
S = 1.08
 5015 reflections
 319 parameters

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
 $\Delta\rho_{\max} = 0.35 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\min} = -0.35 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Mn—O4	1.8705 (16)	Mn—O2	1.9294 (16)
Mn—O1	1.8800 (16)	Mn—O7	2.241 (2)
Mn—O5	1.9194 (16)	Mn—N1	2.349 (2)
O4—Mn—O1	178.62 (7)	O1—Mn—O7	91.97 (8)
O1—Mn—O5	89.93 (7)	O5—Mn—O7	89.68 (7)
O4—Mn—O2	87.49 (7)	O7—Mn—N1	178.10 (7)
O5—Mn—O2	178.85 (7)		

Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H	H... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> ... <i>A</i>	<i>D</i> —H... <i>A</i>
O7—H7B...O3 ⁱ	0.90 (3)	1.81 (3)	2.706 (3)	173 (3)
O7—H7A...O6 ⁱⁱ	0.90 (3)	1.77 (3)	2.665 (3)	170 (3)
N2—H2B...O3	0.95 (4)	1.84 (4)	2.783 (3)	172 (4)
C24—H24A...O4	0.95	2.46	3.396 (3)	167
C21—H21A...O1 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.95	2.60	3.452 (3)	150

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x + 2, -y + 2, -z + 2$; (ii) $-x + 1, -y + 2, -z + 2$; (iii) $x + \frac{1}{2}, -y + \frac{3}{2}, z - \frac{1}{2}$.

The H atoms bonded to C atoms were positioned geometrically and refined as riding, with C—H = 0.95 Å and *U*_{iso}(H) = 1.2*U*_{eq}(C), while the H atoms bonded to the N atom and the water molecule were located in a difference Fourier map and refined freely.

Data collection: *CrystalClear* (Rigaku, 2000); cell refinement: *CrystalClear*; data reduction: *CrystalClear*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Bruker, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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